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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ETRD, EEC
SUBJECT: MFA RENEWAL

REF: SEE SEPTTEL

1. THERE WAS A BIT MORE TO MY CONVERSATION WITH DAVIGNON THAN WHAT IS REPORTED SEPARATELY. AT ONE POINT I ASKED HIM IF THE COMMISSION COULD NOT IN A UNILATERAL STATEMENT FOLLOWING LONG'S STATEMENT DECLARE THAT ITS CONFIRMATION WOULD ONLY BE FORTHCOMING "ON THE BASIS OF ELEMENTS MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH FIVE." HIS FIRST REPLY WAS, "PERHAPS, IF WORSE COMES TO WORST." BUT HE THEN PLEADED WITH ME TO TRY TO GET IT INTO PARAGRAPH EIGHT ON THE GROUNDS THAT HE WAS CERTAIN THAT WOULD WASH WITH THE FRENCH AND BRITISH.

2. I WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT THERE MIGHT BE ANOTHER ANSWER SINCE I UNDERSTAND THAT THE PHRASE COULD COMPLICATE YOUR PROBLEMS WITH AMERICAN INDUSTRY
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OBVIOUS DANGERS IT REPRESENTS VIS-A-VIS THE LDC EXPORTERS AND PERHAPS JAPAN AS WELL.

3. I ALSO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO TELL DAVIGNON THAT HIS MINIMUM CUT-NO EXCEPTIONS APPROACH TO THE MTN WAS NOT ALL THAT HELPFUL AND THAT IT SEEMED TO ME THE COMMISSION COULD TRY THE NO EXCEPTIONS IDEA AT A HIGHER FORMULA CUT

RATE. HE SAID, BUT I DOUBT THAT HE CAN BE HELD TO IT,
THAT EVENTUALLY THEY COULD GO HIGHER THAN WHAT DENMAN HAD
LAID OUT AT TIDEWATER INN.

4. MAYBE YOU COULD CALL HIM AND HORSE TRADE WITH THE
COMMISSION ON THE TARIFF POINT. AS OF NOW DENMAN WILL PUT
HIS TARIFF IDEA TO THE NINE GOVERNMENTS AT THE JULY 22
MEETING OF THE 113 COMMITTEE AS WELL AS US-EC AGREED IDEAS
ON OTHER POINTS. HINTON

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